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Mr. N. Roberts

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for your letter in which you mention your interest in languages. I find that when you know one language in any language group, it helps you to learn the others in the same group. It is much more difficult to move from one language group to the other (Germanic to Latin or Slavic groups).

I have found that listening as much as possible and memorizing phrases and words on cards as you indicate is an excellent method.

With every good wish for your success.

Faithfully,

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